

REMARKS

[0010] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. The status of the claims is as follows:

- Claims 1-8, 14, 17-18, 23-28, 35-37, and 50-55 are currently pending
- Claims 9-13, 21-22, 29-32, 33, 34, 40, 42-49, 56-57, and 58 are withdrawn herein

[0011] Under 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Office has made a requirement for restriction between the following patentable subject matter:

Group I: Claims 21-22, 33, 34, 58, drawn to radio frequency filter preventing communication back and forth between hub and STB on the blocked frequencies from leaving the system, classified in class 725, subclass 78.

Group II: Claims 2, 8, 24-25, 27-28, 35-37, and 53-55, drawn to adapted including modulator/demodulator coupled with tuner to perform two-way data communication between the STB and hub, classified in class 725, subclass 120.

Group III: Claims 9-13, 29-32, 40, 42-49, 56-57, drawn to sending multiple program streams each representing a different scrambled versions of a same content, wherein a one unscrambled version of the content can be derived from the multiple program stream using a key, classified in class 725, subclass 31.

[0012] In order to comply with the Office's Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects **Group II: Claims 2, 8, 24-25, 27-28, 35-37, and 53-55**, to which the claims are restricted for prosecution in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application(s) and/or a rejoinder(s) of claims directed to the non-elected subject matter at a later date, if so desired.

[0013] Applicant notes that the Office's Restriction Requirement indicated that upon election of Group II, claims 1, 3-7, 14, 17, 18, 23, 26, and 50-52 link Groups I, II, and III. Upon allowance of one of the linking claims, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of the withdrawn claims as required by MPEP §821.04(a).

Conclusion

[0014] Claims 1-8, 14, 17-18, 23-28, 35-37, and 50-55 have been elected and are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests prompt allowance of the subject application. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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